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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/599,452; Filed: June 22, 2000
For: **Rapid Growing Microorganisms for
Biotechnology Applications**
Inventors: BLOOM *et al.*
Our Ref: 0942.4970001/RWE/BJD

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Request for Corrected Official Filing Receipt;
2. A copy of the Official Filing Receipt with the correction noted in red; and
3. One (1) return postcard.

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Respectfully submitted,

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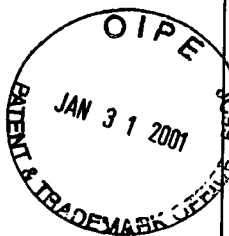
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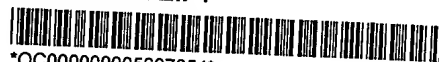
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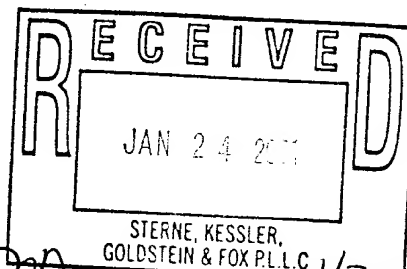
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